

Heybridge Swifts 1

Tilbury 2

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Isthmian League North

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Following a goalless stalemate at home to Cambridge City, Tilbury faced a trip to, relegation threatened, Heybridge Swifts. George and Jack made just one change to last weekend's starting 11, as Lester Ward replaced the injured Joe Elliott.

The Dockers came close to opening the scoring after 20 minutes, when Lester Ward was released down the left wing. Ward did brilliantly to beat his man and put a cross in, but the delivery just evades the head of Soumen Nandi.

On the stroke of half-time, Nandi burst down the left and into the area, as he tempted Lewis Jaggs into making a challenge, and won the penalty. Ronnie Winn stepped up to take it, but his spot-kick was tame, and Tommy Dixon-Hodge made the save, before getting up to deny Winn on the follow-up.

Heybridge Swifts eventually found the breakthrough, courtesy of a long throw-in from Ramiah Mills, which was flicked on towards the back post by Grimes, where Joshua Colyer headed home for the lead.

The Dockers responded on 58 minutes, when Jake Brocklebank was forced into the corner with two defenders pressing him. The midfielder got creative and found Lester Ward with a back-heel, before Ward skipped past a challenge and drilled in a cross. Dan Trendall was the man sliding in, as he bundled the ball over the line to level the scoring.

In the dying moments, Dan Trendall was given a lofted pass to chase and as the forward advanced into the area, Giani Ashley fouled the striker, conceding another penalty and

being shown his marching orders for a last-man foul. The responsibility once again fell to Ronnie Winn, and he made no mistake this time, rifling his strike into the roof of the net.

That was all the action in Heybridge and more late drama saw Tilbury complete the comeback. The Dockers are back in action on Saturday 21st March, when we host Brightlingsea Regent in a 3pm kick-off.

SQUAD: Lawlor, Fry, Reeve, Hayes, Taylor, Ward, Brocklebank, Toussaint, Jones (Winn), Trendall, Nandi (Forbes).

SUBS UNUSED: East, Wheatley, Weston.

GOALS: Dan Trendall, Ronnie Winn.